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DETECTIVE/MYSTERY
SECTION

A while back.

MUR MUR
Goodness...
What happened here, I wonder?
MUR MUR

It seems the house was struck by lightning and reduced to this...
How strange.
Fortunately the landlord and the student who rented the place were out at the time, so there weren't any casualties
But thank goodness...

And who are those people? I've seen them clearing up this place for a few days now?
I have no idea. I think they're from a company called 'Hunter' or something...

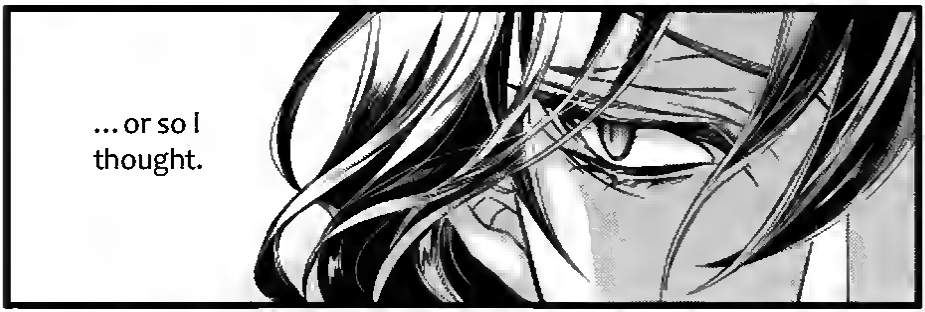
Their name sounds familiar...
...Oh! It's them, the agency that I once asked for pest control service!

That's right, Ma'am!
Be it pest control or cleaning, we are at your service!
and we, the hunters, are confident in delivering satisfying service.
It's our job to clean this world.

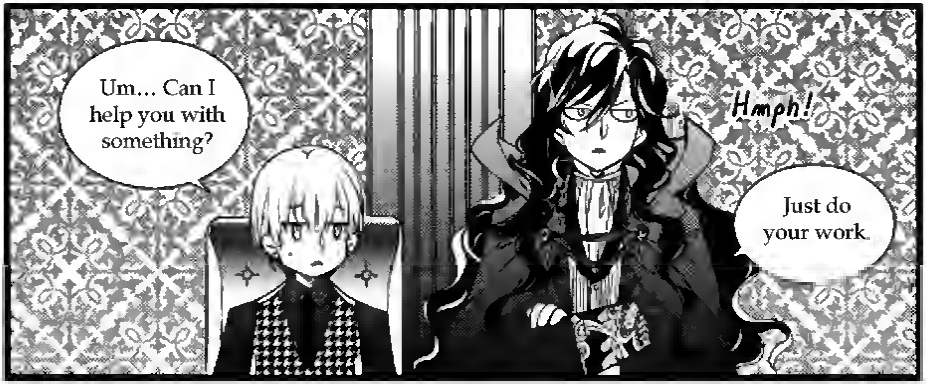
That's the place I was talking about...
The haunted house in a disguise of a library!
It just appeared one day out of nowhere. And unlike other places, they don't have a website or even a social media page. So you can't find any information about the people working there. Don't you also sense some sort unspeakable terror coming from the inside?
Aah, it really might be a vampire's nest after all...
What a terrifying level of delusion...
Well... I guess it's kinda suspicious.
Right? You're also curious, aren't you? So~
Recruiting
TA DA
With your looks, I'm positive that you'll be hired!
...WHY ME?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SO CURIOUS ABOUT IT, YOU DO IT!
I can't, I aspire to become an author! I will observe backstage.
WHAT'S WITH THE LAME EXCUSE?!
It's my one and only wish!!
Didn't you say you needed a job!? Please, just for a month!

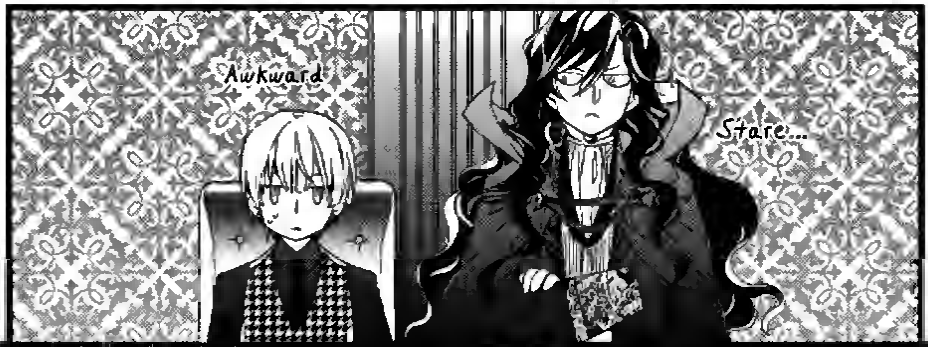
…Fine
I probably won't get accepted anyway…
Ugh
I'm only going to do this because you're the one asking
… that was a miscalculation on my part.
I was hired the same day, and began working immediately… I was bitten (although I also bit him back), chained down (although I've finally got a full-time job, with food and shelter provided), and exposed to all sorts of questionable situations, but I've finally reached the one-month mark!!
FLA
SH
BE
AM
The fruits of my effort have
finally shown up in my bank account!!

I think I'll be able to work hard today.


... or so I thought.

What is he doing here exactly...!!
STARE


Um... Can I help you with something?
Hmph!
Just do your work.

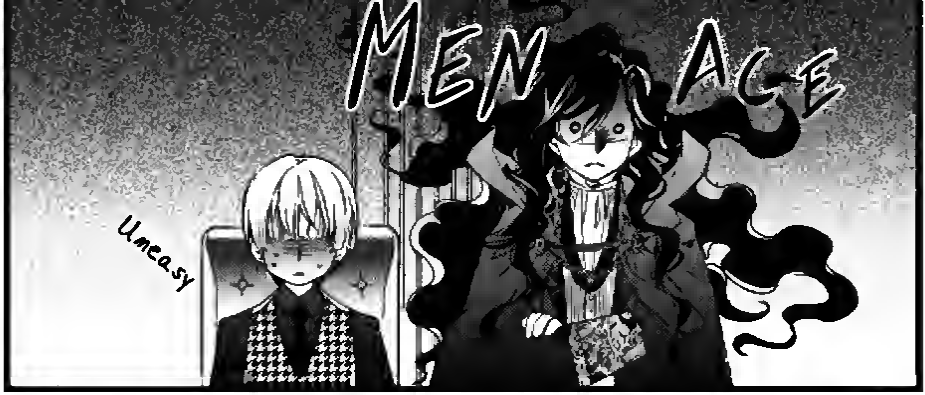

Awkward
Stare...

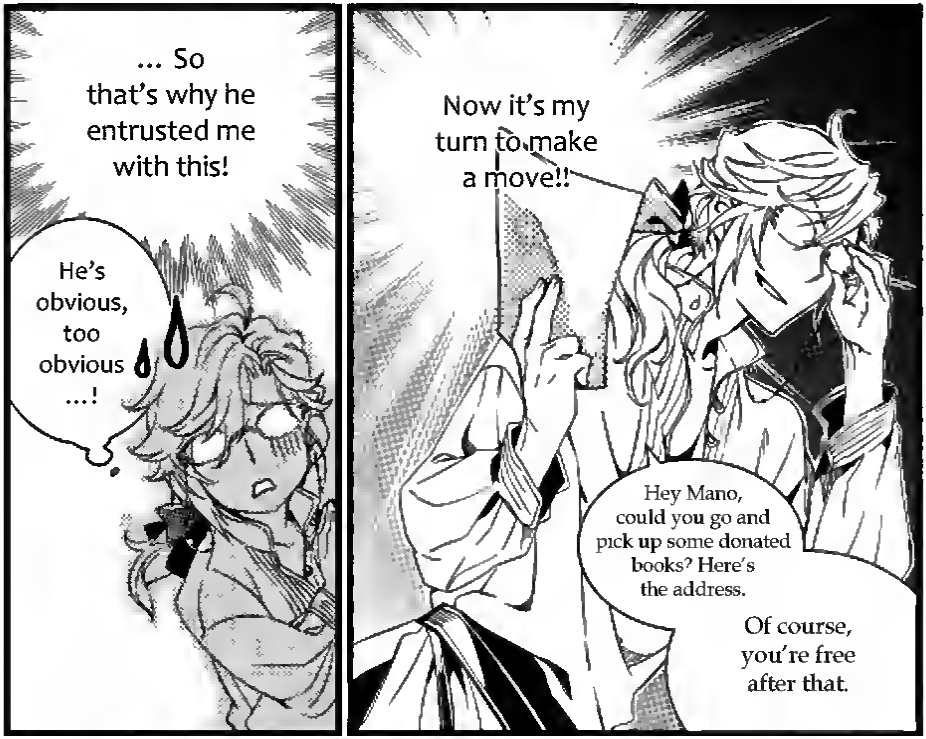
...What is this?
STARE INTENSELY
Is this a new form of bullying?

White hair, and red eyes...
Ugh...how distracting
they also suited her very well
Any of your parents also have this hair colour?
STROKE
STROKE
Esk?!
Not at all!!
Both my parents have black hair!!
Is that so...
SWISH

I gave a ruby to her ...
as a gift.
Your ruby,
where did you get it from?
You mean my earrings...?
They're not real. I bought them from some street stall...
Disappointed
I see.

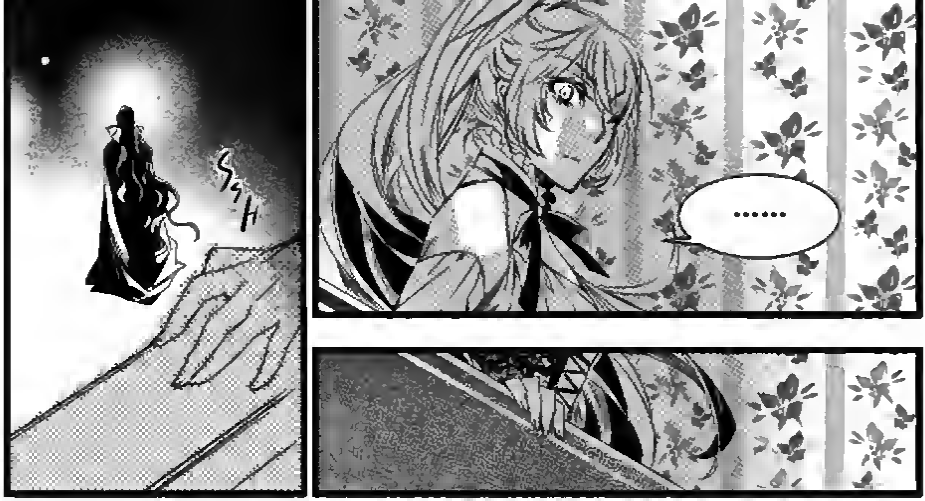
...Just what am I hoping for?
Mano is not Eve.
Am I trying to use him as a
for the woman whose life I took myself?
...how stupid.




... So that's why he entrusted me with this!
He's obvious, too obvious ...!
Now it's my turn to make a move!!
Hey Mano, could you go and pick up some donated books? Here's the address.
Of course, you're free after that.

(Which option do you prefer?)

To be honest, I hate going out in the daytime.
but I have to meet someone anyway...
I'll be going now!
Allowed to wear casual clothes for outside tasks
Enjoy~
Then I'll also... be going now.
Nod...

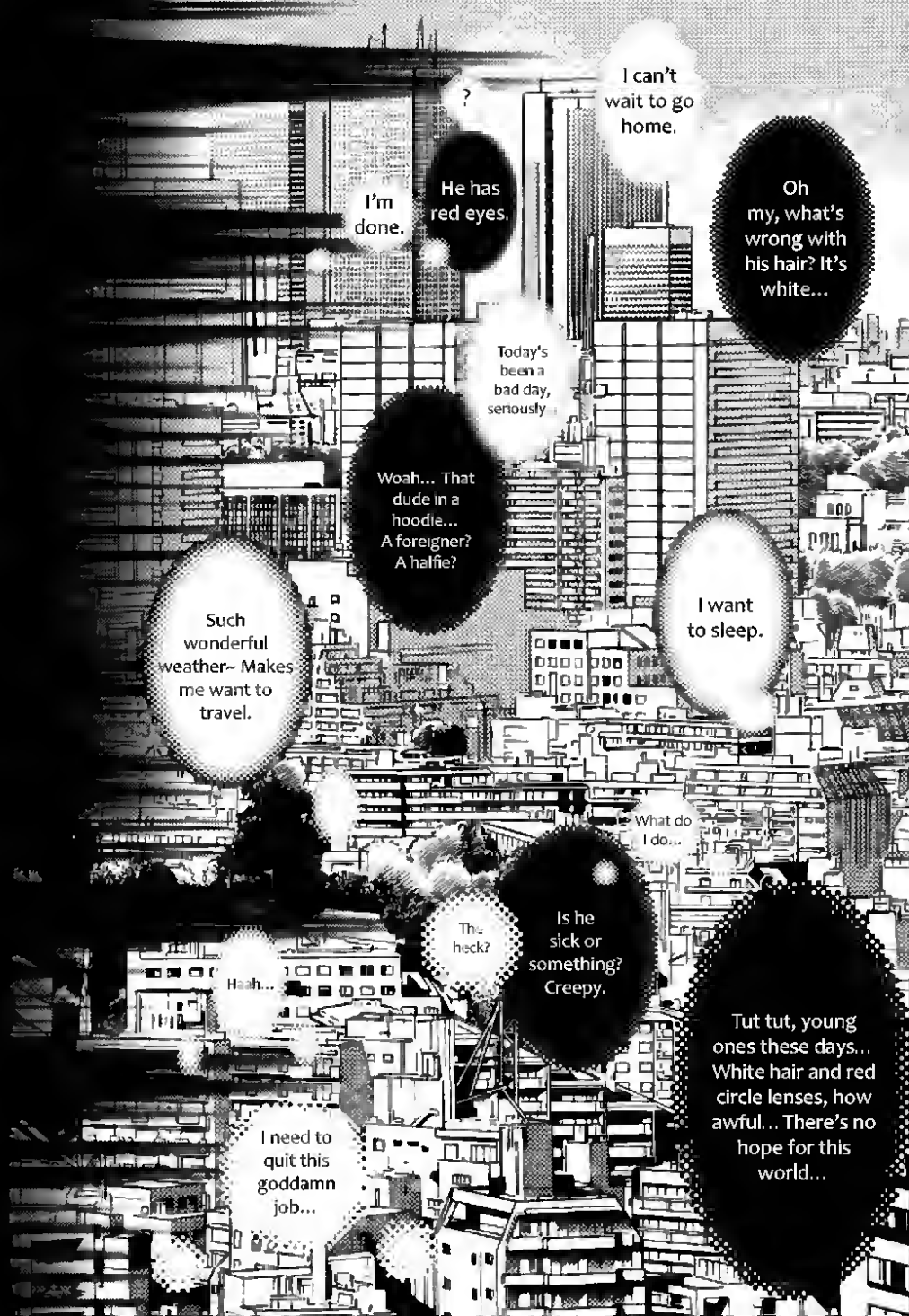

SSH
.....

...Oh dear.
-SCRATCH
...Where did he go?
Lost track of him immediately.

Can't be helped.
It's been a while, time to tune in...

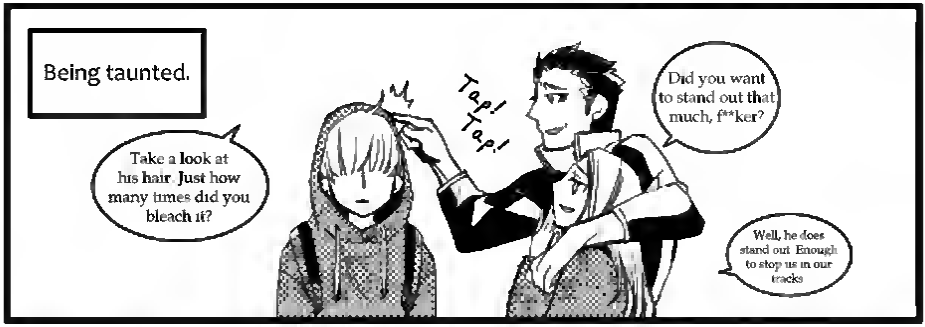
Ah, that was tasty. I wouldn't go anywhere else for lunch.
That ruined my appetite.
What a waste of money, tastes like crap.

White hair ...? Or am I mistaken?
Aah... I'm starving.

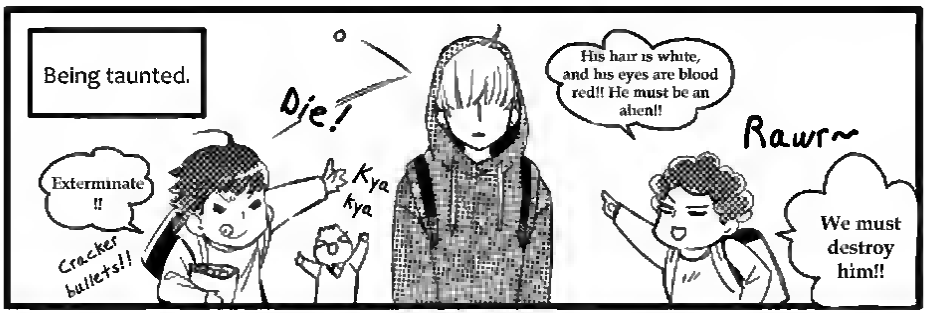

I can't wait to go home.
?
He has red eyes.
I'm done.
Oh my, what's wrong with his hair? It's white...
Today's been a bad day, seriously
Woah... That dude in a hoodie... A foreigner? A halfie?
I want to sleep.
Such wonderful weather~ Makes me want to travel.
What do I do...
Is he sick or something? Creepy.
The heck?
Haah...
Tut tut, young ones these days... White hair and red circle lenses, how awful... There's no hope for this world...
I need to quit this goddamn job...

Found him!
Phew! I 'spose I lost my touch yet!
I'd lost confidence to a degree because it didn't work on Mano before.
It's good that Mano's looks attract attention.
Off I go then.
Since humans react immediately to anything even slightly out of the ordinary

1 o'clock in the afternoon...
I found Mano...
IN A BRAWL.
Try saying it again. What's wrong with my eyes?
Should I make your eyes like mine?
C'mere
No!!
I'M SORRY!!

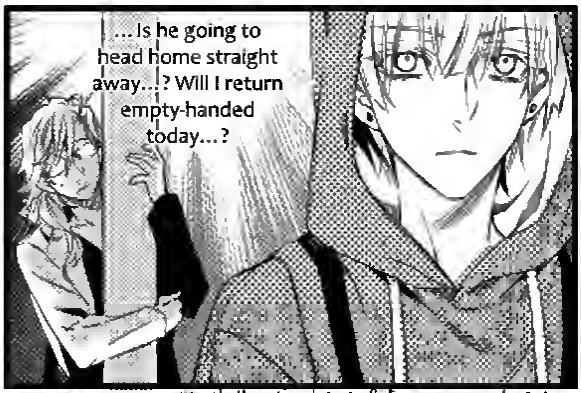

Being taunted.
Take a look at his hair. Just how many times did you bleach it?
Tap! Tap!
Did you want to stand out that much, f**ker?
Well, he does stand out. Enough to stop us in our tracks

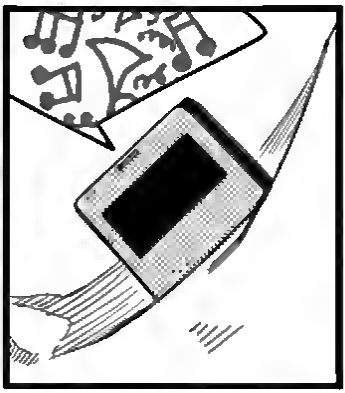
Quit it with the idiotic act.
What are you, a middle schooler?
Retaliating.
Girlfriend ran away
Yes, big brother


Being taunted.
Die!
Exterminate !!
Cracker bullets!!
Kya kya
His hair is white, and his eyes are blood red!! He must be an alien!!
Rawr~
We must destroy him!!

WAAAH
The alien ate all my crackers!!!
Tsk...
Kids these days have no manners.
Retaliating.
MAMAAA

Our poor Mano...!!
I'm having Hehy-cats for some reason...
MMPH!!
So that's why he hates going outside in the daytime...!!
2 o'clock, arrived at destination.
I'll leave them in your care.
For elderly contributors who may struggle with sending parcels, or people who live nearby, we usually pick up the books directly.
They may just be a couple of worn out books, but they mean a lot to me...
Yes, sir.





×put the books safely away in his bag

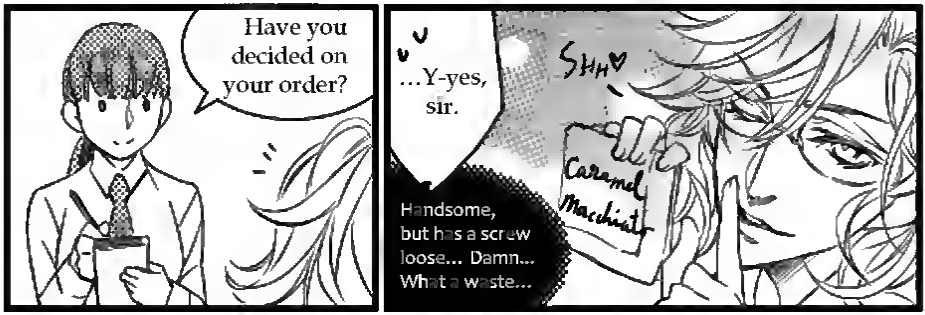
At half past 3, he met up with someone.
cafe and

SEARCHING

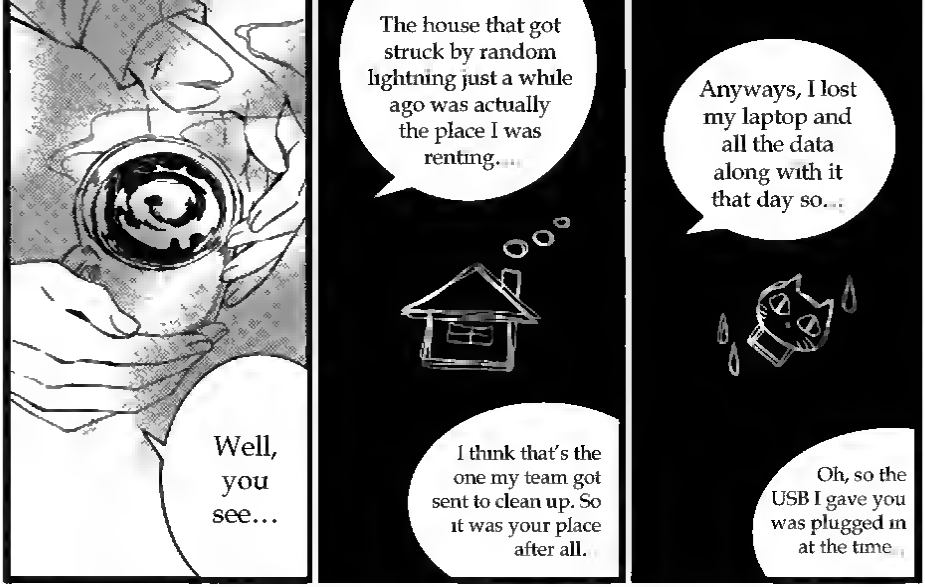
Mano, long time no see.

Hey~

Hey, what's with your uniform ...?
I cannot subsist through unfulfilled aspiration, so I guess you could say I'm forced to work part-time in order to survive...?
GLOOM...
Anyhow, don't drink alcohol in your uniform
Have you decided on your order?
I'll have a long black.


Have you decided on your order?
...Y-yes, sir.
SHH♡
Caramel Macchiato
Handsome, but has a screw loose... Damn... What a waste...

It's been a month. How have you been?

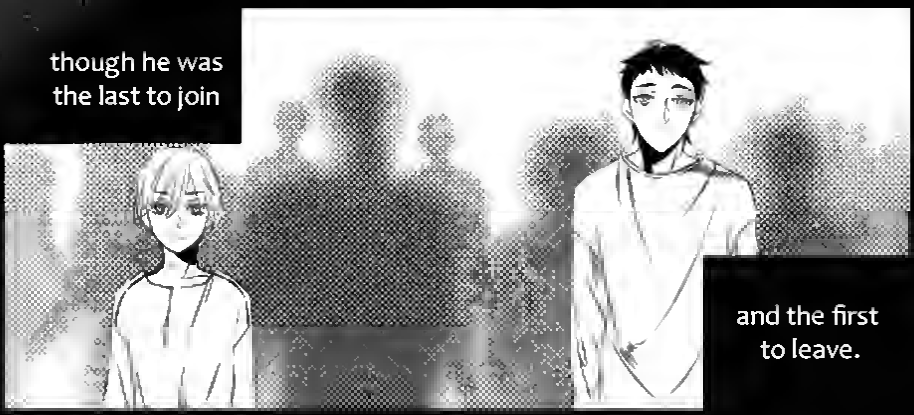

Well, you see…
The house that got struck by random lightning just a while ago was actually the place I was renting…
I think that's the one my team got sent to clean up. So it was your place after all.
Anyways, I lost my laptop and all the data along with it that day so…
Oh, so the USB I gave you was plugged in at the time.

That's how it is.
… I see.

Even so, I'm glad that you're safe.
Nothing can be done about the lost data.
But it's okay, because I can hear about it directly from you.

Seho stayed at the same orphanage as me,

though he was the last to join



and the first to leave.

To be honest, I was envious that he was set freed from that hellish place.

I ran away from the orphanage one year later

and I met Seho again.
...
Mano?

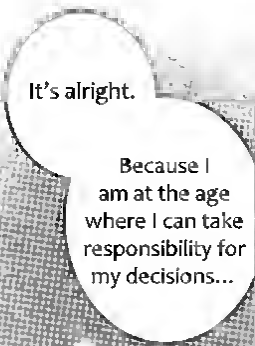
...You ran away from the orphanage?
Why would you do such a thing...
Says the one who was the first to leave...
I was a ticking time-bomb back then.
I WON'T GO BACK TO THAT PLACE !!
I ranted on and on...
I'D RATHER DIE!!
Just calm down okay. Let's treat those wounds first.

This
is where I work.
Then Seho calmly told me about his new life.
I'm helping the instructor here by teaching all the kids.

Hm...
Then will you inherit this dojo? And become a Taekwondo instructor?

Nope.
I'm going to become an author.

Everyone keeps saying me I have no talent.
But he avoided anything that had to do with books back at the orphanage...
He's crazy.
And that just makes me burn with determination to prove them wrong.


It's alright.
Because I am at the age where I can take responsibility for my decisions...

but you are still young and weak.
If you had parents, they'd support you. But we must grow strong on our own.
If you want to train, feel free to come here. I can do at least that much for you,
When the time comes that you've become strong enough to take responsibility for yourself,
I will believe in your decisions and support you.
My own decisions...

In the end, I returned to the orphanage.

He didn't force anything on me,
and waited for me,

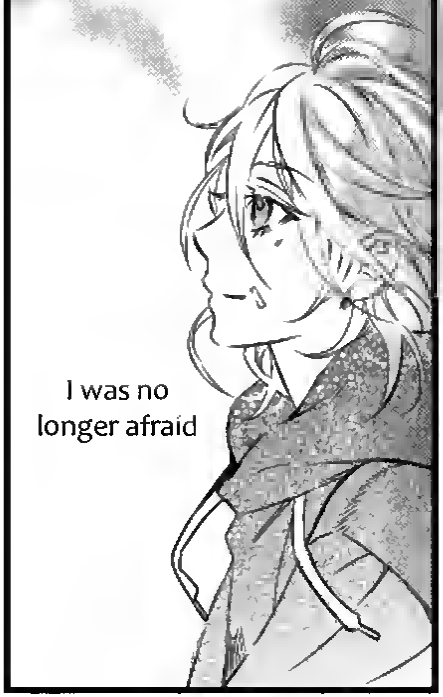
for the first time,
I felt like I had someone on my side.

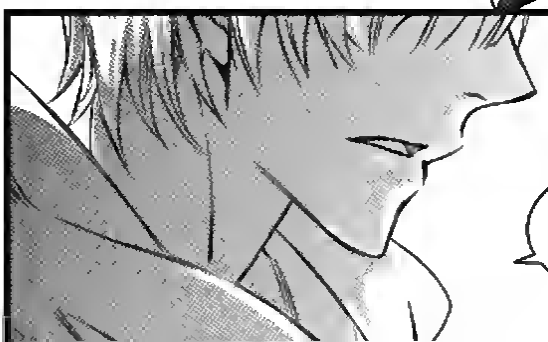
... and that person,

gave me a
task to do.

But on the
journey back,

I was no
longer afraid





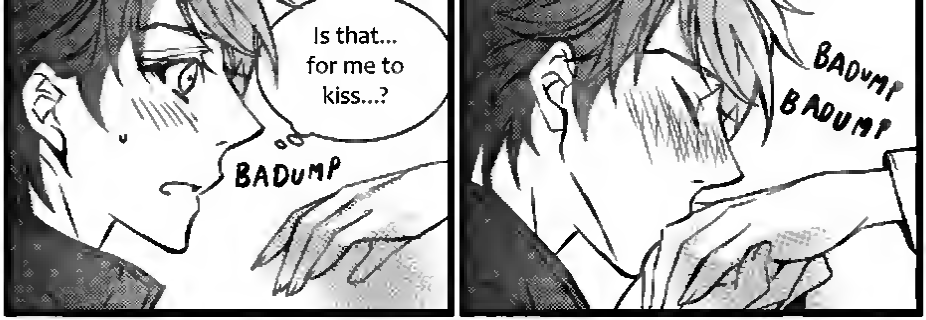
Alright... I guess I
will tell him after all.

Seho...

The truth is,
the people
in the library ...
ARE OTAKUS !!!!
SPLURT!!

It's a private library being funded by a large company. The chairman happens to share your fantasies about vampires, which is why he designed the building and employees' uniform like that.
The people working there are also quite unique themselves,
...curse it.
but there's nothing of the sort you imagined.
I'm thinking of continue working there.
Just what am I saying...
Since I also dislike ordinary things.

Oh my!
What have we got here~?
...Who's she?
Mano wagging work?
?
Olivia?
What a coincidence~
She is... gorgeous!!
Nice to meet you! I'm...
Seho Park.
I'm Olivia.
A pleasure to meet you.


Is that... for me to kiss...?
BADUMP
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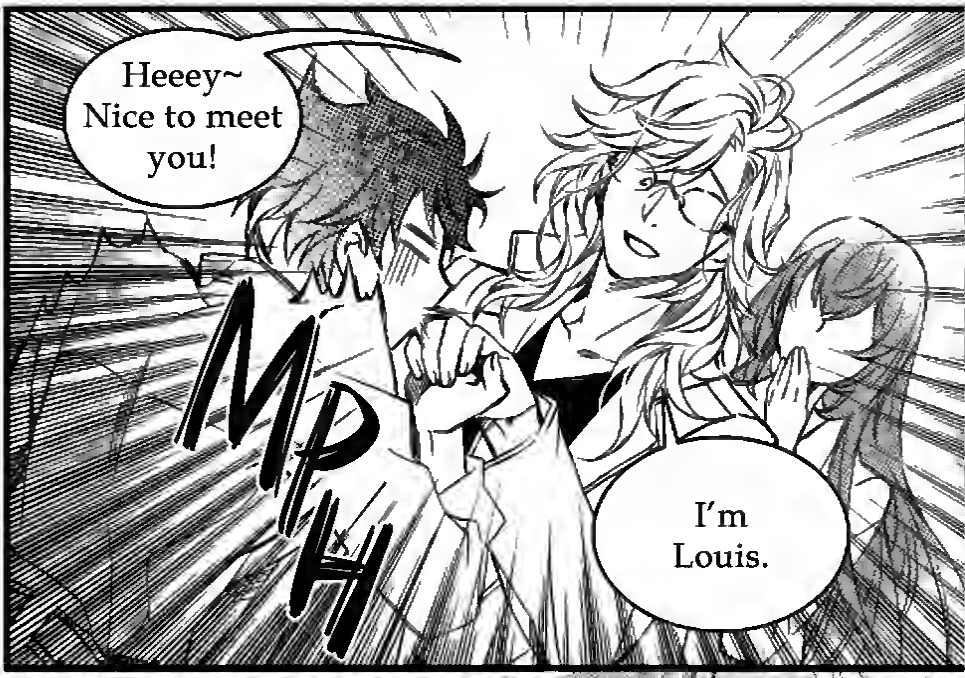
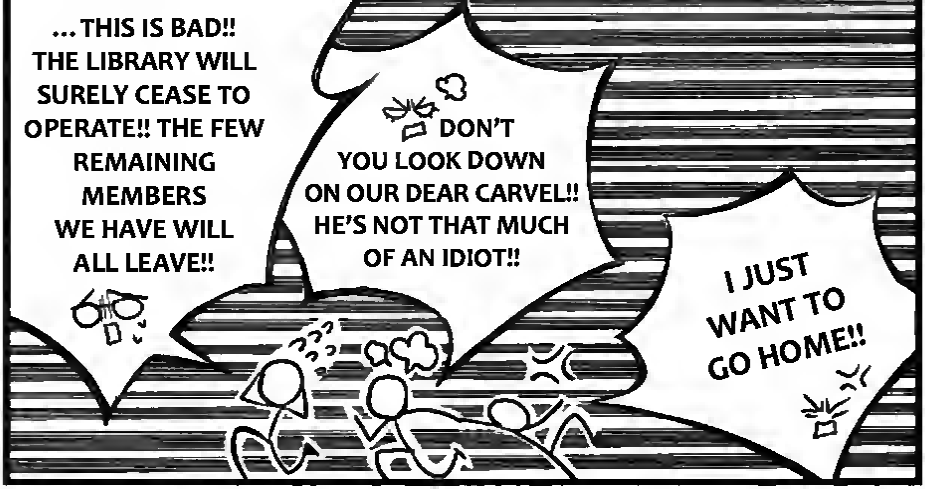
BADUMP


Heeey~ Nice to meet you!
MPH
I'm Louis.

SEHO?! GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!!
What are these guys doing here!!
Haha... Ya man's hand...
Phew~ that startled me
.....

Look who's here! Both our dear Louis and Mano!
JUMP!
I-indeed. What a coincidence. Haha…
Don't give me that crap!! Don't think you can use work as an excuse to come out and play.
So I have to come out too,
I was actually given a task outside, just so you know!!
STAND
Wait,
HMPH!
Both of you are horrible. leaving me out like that…
that means…
the only one at the library right now is…!!
I'd like to borrow these two~

Won Lee...
Carvel...
?
Um... I was just telling you my membership name...
?
Aren't we introducing ourselves..?

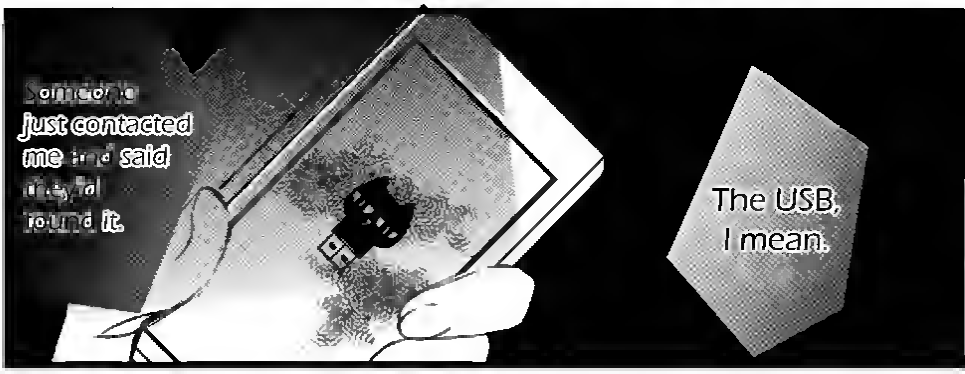

...THIS IS BAD!! THE LIBRARY WILL SURELY CEASE TO OPERATE!! THE FEW REMAINING MEMBERS WE HAVE WILL ALL LEAVE!!
DON'T YOU LOOK DOWN ON OUR DEAR CARVEL!! HE'S NOT THAT MUCH OF AN IDIOT!!
I JUST WANT TO GO HOME!!

Hurry!
...I don't understand.

Why did I say that before...?
Seho?
...Are you alright? I got worried because all of you left in a hurry.
Uuh... I'm just being dragged back to the library.
Oh,
I didn't have time to say this before,

congratulations... I see you've found some friends.
...Sorry, Seho.
I wasn't much help...
It's alright, you have already helped me plenty
...Huh?

BLING
What do you...?


just contacted me and said
The USB, I mean.

Thanks.

That day, I had no idea
Thank you very much.
just how grave the consequence of my choice was.